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SUBJECT: DISAPPEAREDS FOR 1977: THE NUMBERS GAME

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1. THIS CABLE FORWARDS INFORMATION SOLICITED IN JUNE 8 TELCON. THE VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY'S CURRENT TALLY OF DISAPPEAREDS STANDS AT 618 AND LISTS TEN FOR 1977 -- DOWN FROM AN EARLIER REPORTED FOURTEEN. THE TEN INCLUDE THE FIVE MENTIONED BY SANDERS IN REF (A) (GARCIA RAMIREZ, TRONCOSO AGUIRRE, SOTO CALVEZ, BARRA ROSALES, AND PEREZ ALVAREZ) AND SPECIAL INTEREST CASE SERGIO HIDALGO ORREGO, WHO APPEARS AS NUMBER 501 ON THE LIST. THE REMAINING FOUR: ISIDORO SEGUNDO CASTRO VILLANUEVA (NO. 451); JUAN JOSE PAILLALEF PAILLALEF (NO. 452); RAUL IVAN CARCAMO ARAVENA (NO. 499); AND LUIS GERARDO OTAROLA VALDES (NO. 492). THE TEN, AS ALL OTHERS ON THE LIST, ARE SOLID CASES -- SUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES AT TIME OF DETENTION -- THAT THE VICARIATE IS PREPARED TO GO TO BAT FOR. THE LATEST VICARIATE PUBLICATION SHOWING THE 618 LIST IS BEING POUCHED TO ARA/AND/CH.

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2. A VICARIATE SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 9 THAT FOUR NAMES HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM THE 1977 LIST FOR THE TIME BEING, DUE TO A LACK OF SUFFICIENT DATE OR EVIDENCE. THE SOURCE SAID THAT THE FOUR (PEDRO CASTRO SEPULVEDA, PEDRO MELLA VERGARA, OVIEDO SARRIA, AND SERGIO LEAL DIAZ) MAY BE PICKED UP AGAIN AT A LATER DATE IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

3. ON HIDALGO, VICARIATE INFORMATION SHOWS THAT HE WAS EMPLOYED BY A FIRM KNOWN AS VEP CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, SAID TO HAVE BEEN FINANCED BY THE SOVIETS DURING ALLENDE'S TIME AND KNOWN THEN AS THE KPD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. HIDALGO, APPROXIMATELY 40 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME, WAS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED AT HIS HOME ON AUGUST 31, 1977 BY UNIDENTIFIED MEN DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING IN THREE VEHICLES. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION, THE MEN HAD EARLIER GONE TO HIDALGO'S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT LOOKING FOR HIM. IN ADDITION TO THE FAMILY, TWO WITNESSES ARE SAID TO HAVE SEEN THE ARREST.

4. REGARDING THE MAROTTA BAND, ICEM CONFIRMED JUNE 8 THAT THE GROUP DEPARTED AS FOLLOWS: HORACIO MAROTTA, ANA MARIA DUHALDE, AND INES NARANJO TO SWEDEN ON MAY 13; AND ISIDORO LIENDO AND SERGIO ENRIQUE SEPULVEDA TO NORWAY ON MAY 13 AND MAY 21 RESPECTIVELY.

5. COMMENT: WHILE THE VICARIATE'S TOTAL OF 10 DISAPPEARINGS FOR 1977 IS A DROP OF FOUR FROM THE HIGH OF 14, IT IS AN INCREASE OF TWO OVER THE FIGURE WE HAVE BEEN USING SINCE FEBRUARY. THE DROP FROM 14 TO EIGHT CAME AS A SURPRISE, AS DOES THE INCREASE NOW TO 10. FOR THE MOST PART THESE VARIATIONS REFLECT REVISED ASSESSMENTS OF THE AVAILABLE EVIDENCE ON A REPORTED DISAPPEARANCE. FOR THE TIME BEING THE "MOST ACCEPTED" CONFIDENTIAL

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FIGURES ARE 618 OVERALL AND 10 FOR 1977.
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